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Ex-Mutants: Spawned by radioactive and biological weapons unleashed in World War Three, five carefully chosen mutants—Angela, Belushi, Erin, Lorelei, and Vikki—were transformed by Dr. Emmanuel Cugat back into genotypical humans. Dubbed the Ex-Mutants, they became legends in their own time—until Doctor Cugat was driven insane. Trapping his creations in their original capsules, Cugat triggered a left-over Soviet warhead in an attempt to kill himself as well as the Ex-Mutants.

Unknown to Cugat, however, the warhead contained an experimental Dimensional Bomb, a device designed to tear the very fabric of reality around its target. The Ex-Mutants and Doctor Cugat were plunged into different realities: the Ex-Mutants to the pleasant land of Samora and Dr. Cugat to the hellish dimension of Acernarnia.

Returning with an army of grotesque monsters, Dr. Cugat, along with the evil Samoran Dhalgren, are now determined to utterly destroy the Ex-Mutants!

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IT'S BEEN A WEEK AND DUFF'S LEG STILL ISN'T RESPONDING TO THERAPY.
I'M AFRAID HE'LL HAVE TO LOSE IT, BUT HIS PHYSIOLOGY IS SO UNUSUAL I CAN'T BE SURE.
I'M ALSO WORRIED ABOUT CHANEY. HE'S AN OLD MAN--A LOT OLDER THAN HE LETS ON--AND THIS STRESS AND HEAT IS TAKING ITS TOLL.
HIS AMPHIBIAN FORM IS TOO PONDEROUS FOR A HEART HIS SIZE, UNDER THE BEST OF CONDITIONS.
WITH ALL THE RATS RUNNING AROUND DAHLGREN'S CASTLE, I THOUGHT INFECTION WOULD BE A PROBLEM, BUT SO FAR I'VE BEEN LUCKY.
LIKE ONLY LOSING A THIRD OF THE VILLAGE IN THE UNDEAD ATTACK WAS LUCKY. ANOTHER THIRD ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF DISEASE FROM ZOMBIE BITES.
THERE'S NO WAY MY MEDICINE STORES CAN STAND TO AN EPIDEMIC EVEN HALF THIS SIZE.
I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN THREE DAYS, AND I CAN STILL FEEL DAHLGREN'S DAMN VIRUS RUNNING AROUND INSIDE ME.
MY MAGIC IS USELESS UNTIL THE VIRUS LEAVES... IF IT LEAVES.
GOOD GOD, IT'S HOT.
"PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF."
SURE. RIGHT AFTER I WALK ON WATER

I'VE GOT TO FIND SOMEPLACE COOL.
NO ENTRY
I FEEL FAINT...THIS HEAT IS GETTING TO ME.
AH... MUCH BETTER.
MORGUE 2.
PICKING UP THE PIECES
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SIMAK... WHAT ON EARTH WERE YOU, ANYWAY?

I'VE SEEN STRANGER THINGS--HELL, I'VE BEEN STRANGER THINGS.

THIRTY YEARS AGO I WAS DELIVERING BABIES IN JERSEY.
NOW I DRESS AXE WOUNDS AND CAST MAGIC SPELLS.

SO COOL... I'LL JUST CLOSE MY EYES...
JUST FOR A SECOND.

JONATHAN, WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN ME INTO?

JONATHAN.
EXCUSE ME... "BARON WASTELAND."
WHAT A RIDICULOUS NAME!
YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE GOING TO REBUILD CIVILIZATION.
I LAUGHED AND SAID MAN HAD TURNED THE WORLD INTO A BARREN WASTELAND.
YOU MADE THAT YOUR NEW NAME, AND VOWED TO PROVE ME WRONG.
NOT ONLY DID YOU BUILD A LITTLE POCKET OF CIVILIZATION--
BUT YOU IMPROVED ON THE OLD MODEL, AFTER A FASHION.
YOUR OWN SENSE OF JUSTICE BECAME THE BASIS OF AN ENTIRE SOCIETY...
AND IF AT TIMES YOU WERE HARD-HEADED, OR ACTED IN HASTE...
...WELL, THAT WAS THE EXCEPTION, RATHER THAN THE RULE.
HARD TIMES DEMAND A HARD LEADER.

FOR A WHILE YOU PULLED IT OFF, YOU STONE-COLD LUNATIC.
YOU SET A HIGH STANDARD OF PERSONAL HONOR, AND LIVED UP TO IT... AND NOT A FEW LUNATICS FOLLOWED IN YOUR PATH.
WITH NO FORMAL EDUCATION SAVE YOUR PERSONAL LIBRARY, YOU ADMINISTERED A KINGDOM THAT WOULD HAVE OVERWHELMED THE FIRST TEN KINGS OF ENGLAND.
I'M GLAD WE WERE FRIENDS.
I MISS YOU AND HOPE YOU REST WELL IN GOD'S ARMS.
BUT NOW WHAT?
YOUR KINGDOM WAS SHAKEY ENOUGH WITH YOU ON THE THRONE--
BUT NOW, PEOPLE ARE ALREADY STARTING TO PACK AND RUN.
EVERYONE IS LOOKING TO ME TO TAKE OVER, BUT...
MAGUS...
WHAT??!

GOOD LORD!! SIMAK??
LISTEN CLOSELY...I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME...
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO FOR ME. THIS BODY IS LONG DEAD...
...ALTHOUGH I MUST ADMIT YOUR AUTOPSY HASN'T HELPED MATTERS ANY.
YOU'VE NO IDEA WHAT EFFORT IT TAKES TO PROJECT MY SPIRIT TO THIS PLANE, EVEN FOR A SHORT TIME.
THE ADVENTURE IS COMING TO AN END...
...YOU MUST KNOW. IT CAN'T HAVE ALL BEEN FOR NOTHING.

THE EX-MUTANTS AND I ARE MUCH ALIKE.
THE EX-MUTANTS WERE BETRAYED BY THEIR ADOPTED FATHER--
WHILE I...WAS LIKEWISE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MISCONDUCT OF ONE OF MY FAMILY.
THE DIMENSION BOMB SHATTERED YOUR EARTH, AND EXPOSED IT TO THE RAW STUFF OF REALITY.
YOUR EARTH HAS SUFFERED FOR THIS EVENT. ALREADY YOU HAVE FELT THE WRATH OF THE SORCERER DAHLGREN, AND WORSE HORRORS--FAR WORSE--LURK IN THE WILD DARK PLACES BETWEEN THE PLANES.
AS GUARDIANS OF CIVILIZATION, IT FELL TO MY PEOPLE TO ORGANIZE THE DEFENSE OF YOUR WORLD--
STARTING WITH THE REHABILITATION OF THE EX-MUTANTS.

THERE FOLLOWED AN INTENSE PERIOD OF TRAINING --
FORTUNATELY, THE EX-MUTANTS PROVED TO BE QUICK STUDIES.
LORELEI WAS SHORTLY SEPARATED FROM HER COMRADES TO PURSUE ADVANCED TRAINING.
THE EX-MUTANTS AGREED THE TEACHINGS OF THE GREAT SAMORAN PHILOSOPHY OFFERED THE IDEAL PARADIGM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THEIR WORLD... OF YOUR WORLD.
WITHIN WEEKS, THE EX-MUTANTS LEARNED THE MENTAL DISCIPLINE REQUIRED TO CONTROL THEIR CHAOTIC FORMS...
...AND BY THE END OF THE MONTH, THEIR PHYSICAL DISORDERS WERE SOLVED.
WE ACCEPTED THE PHOENIX.

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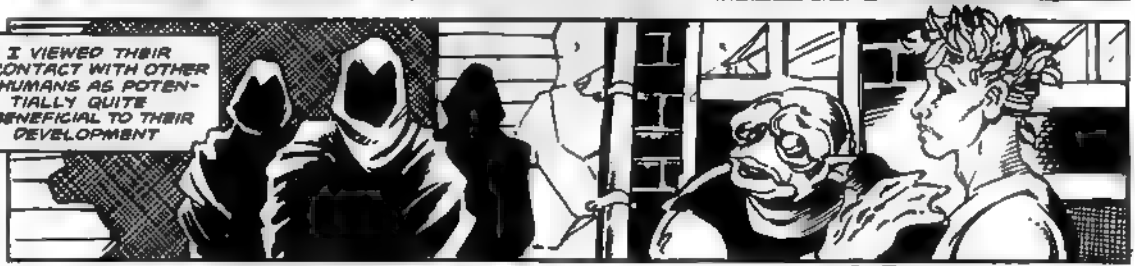
UNFORTUNATELY, CERTAIN EVENTS ON YOUR WORLD--OF WHICH THE EX-MUTANTS ARE STILL UNAWARE--FORCED US TO RETURN AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.
LET ME BANDAGE YOU.
DRIP
THE EX-MUTANTS DID NOT HAVE AN OPPURTUNITY TO COMPLETE THEIR BONDING. WE HAD TO RETURN TO YOUR WORLD WITH THEIR TRANSFORMATION ONLY HALF COMPLETE.
DON'T BOTHER WITH THAT.
DRIP DRIP
THE EX-MUTANTS ARE AWESOMELY POWERFUL WARRIORS OF THE PHOENIX, BUT THEY ARE DANGEROUSLY IMMATURE.


I VIEWED THEIR CONTACT WITH OTHER HUMANS AS POTENTIALLY QUITE BENEFICIAL TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT

THE PHOENIX REQUIRES THAT EACH BEING FIND IT'S OWN WAY...
...THUS I TOOK ACTION DURING THE RUINOUS AFFAIR WITH THE WARLORD OF YANKEE STADIUM.

THEN MY OWN DARK PAST HAD RISEN UP TO HAUNT US.

THE WAR WITH DAHLGREN WAS A DISASTER.
WHAT COHESION THE EX-MUTANTS HAD, BEGAN TO DISSOLVE.

THE WAR LEFT ERIN WOUNDED AND THE OTHERS ADRIFT...
...WHILE I WAS DEAD.

DON'T YOU SEE? MY SAMORAN BROTHERS AND I HAVE FAILED!
SOON THE EX-MUTANTS WILL BE ON THEIR OWN, WITHOUT MY GUIDANCE.
IT'S ALL SO STUPID.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH ME?

I FEEL SO WEAK... I MUST SHOW YOU...

BEHOLD...

CONSIDER CHANEY AND HIS SON DUFF. THEY WERE [redacted] FIRST HUMANS TO ACCEPT THE EX-MUTANTS UPON THEIR RETURN.

THAT IS IN SOME WAYS A GOOD THING--FOLLOWERS MUST HOLD THEIR LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR FATE--

BUT WHEN THE PEOPLE CONSIDER THE EX-MUTANTS THE SOURCE OF THEIR EVILS--

THEY SYMBOLIZE WHAT GOOD IS LEFT TO THE HUMAN RACE--THE SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION THAT WILL SET ASIDE THEIR PREJUDICE AND BELIEVE THE BEST OF STRANGERS.

NOW CHANEY HAS TURNED AWAY FROM THE EX-MUTANTS. HE HOLDS THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS MISFORTUNE.

THEN THE EX-MUTANTS HAVE FAILED IN THEIR MISSION.

TO SUCCEED, THEY MUST EXPRESS THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HUMANITY-THAT-WAS, AND SET THE EXAMPLE FOR ALL IT CAN BE.

I TRIED TO GIVE THEM A PURPOSE, BUT NOW THEY HAVE TURNED AWAY.

SIT DOWN, SIMAK. YOU SHOULD REST.

THERE IS NO TIME!

MUTANTS HAVE LOST SIGHT OF THEIR MISSION.

OF THE EX-MUTANTS, AND A CAPABLE LEADER..

...BUT SHE HAS SUCCUMBED TO DESPAIR AND SELF-PITY...
...MOURNING HER PARTIAL REVERSION TO HER MUTATED FORM.

SHE HAS LOST HER WAY.

I THINK SHE ALSO MOURNS FOR BARON WASTE-LAND.
HE GENUINELY LOVED HER, AND I SUSPECT SHE CARED FOR HIM MORE THAN SHE REALIZED.
LOVE! THE EX-MUTANTS ARE CHILDREN... THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT LOVE IS!

NONE ARE LESS SCHOOLED IN LOVE THAN BELUSHI.
OR LESS WELL EQUIPPED TO COPE WITH HEARTBREAK.

AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING OUR BONDING, BELUSHI HAD ALL OF THE GIRLS AS LOVERS.
YET HE REMAINS POSSESSIVE, AND PETTY, AND JEALOUS.
WHILE BELUSHI RECOGNIZES THE SUFFERING OF OTHERS, HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF IMMUNE FROM THE SAME.
NOW THE GIRLS ARE GROWING AWAY FROM HIM. YET BELUSHI FANCIES HIMSELF THE VICTIM OF HIS LOVERS' CAPRICIOUS MISDEEDS.
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE CAN HOLD HIS LIQUOR, EITHER, SIMAK.
STUCK IN THE PAST, HE IS THE SOURCE OF HIS OWN MISERY...
BELUSHI DRUGS HIMSELF ONLY BECAUSE HE THINKS HE SHOULD. HIS PHYSIOLOGY IS ENTIRELY UNSUITED TO SUCH EXPERIMENTATION.
OF ALL THE EX-MUTANTS, HE IS THE ONE LEAST ABLE TO ENDURE THE EFFECTS OF MOOD-ALTERING SUBSTANCES
MEANING HE'S A LIGHT WEIGHT.
IN YOUR TERMINOLOGY--YES.

I WASN'T MUCH DIFFERENT WHEN I WAS HIS AGE.
WHEN YOU WERE HIS AGE, YOU DIDN'T HOLD THE FATE OF A WORLD IN YOUR HANDS!
ALTHOUGH HE IS A FOOL, BELUSHI IS NOT ENTIRELY USELESS.
HE HAS A BROAD HEART, AND HE CAN SET AN EXAMPLE WITH HIS SENSE OF FELLOWSHIP
WHAT IS FAR MORE DISTURBING--
--IS WHAT HAS BECOME OF VIKKI.
VIKKI HAS THE GREATEST POTENTIAL OF ALL THE EX-MUTANTS. SHE HAS LOVE ENOUGH TO MEND THE SHATTERED EARTH ON HER OWN.
BUT SHE CANNOT RELEASE HER OWN BASIC NATURE--SHE REMAINS VAIN AND SHALLOW.
BUT INSTEAD OF USING HER LOVE TO HEAL, OR TO TEACH, SHE CONSORTS WITH DEGENERATES AND WORRIES OVER DETAILS OF HER APPEARANCE... AS IF A BLEMISH ON ANYTHING BUT HER SOUL WAS OF CONSEQUENCE.

OF ALL THE EX-MUTANTS, ONLY ANGELA EXPRESSES ANYTHING OF HER POTENTIAL.
HER OWN LOVE OF MACHINES PROVIDES INVALUABLE INSTRUCTION TO YOUR WORLD'S MECHANICS.
BUT SHE GIVES NOTHING OF HERSELF. SHE SIMPLY DOES AS SHE WISHES, AND ALLOWS OTHERS TO OBSERVE
I DON'T SEE WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT. YOU BERATE THE EX-MUTANTS FOR SQUANDERING THEIR POTENTIAL, BUT SAY YOUR PHILOSOPHY REQUIRES THEY FIND THEIR OWN PATH.
ULTIMATELY, THIS IS SO...
...BUT I HOPED THEY WOULD CHOSE A NOBLER PATH.
I ENTERTAINED BRIEF HOPE THEY COULD BECOME HEROES, BUT I WAS WRONG!
THEY DESTROYED THEIR FATHER! THEY IGNORED THEIR SIBLINGS!
IF THEY CANNOT REACH OUT TO THOSE CLOSEST TO THEM, WHAT HOPE HAVE THEY OF AIDING THE HUMAN RACE?

YOU'VE GOT TO HELP!
AN EVENT WILL SHORTLY HAPPEN... OF GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE.
AN EVENT THAT WILL EITHER TRANSFORM THE EX-MUTANTS, OR DESTROY THEM.
ONLY THROUGH CHANGE CAN THE EX-MUTANTS AND THE WORLD SURVIVE. I WAS TO BE-- THE CATALYST OF THAT CHANGE, BUT MY PART IN THIS MYTH HAS ENDED.
YOU MUST BE THERE WITH THEM, TO TAKE MY PLACE--
AND TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE... TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS...

...YOU ARE THE LAST HOPE...
POOM!

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THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
RISE AND SHINE, YOUNG LADY.

MAGUS?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M TAKING CARE OF MY PATIENT.
IT'S TIME YOU GOT YOUR PRETTY LITTLE BUTT OUT OF BED.

GO AWAY. LET ME SLEEP.
SORRY-- DOCTOR'S ORDERS

HOW DARE YOU?!?

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT--

IF YOU'RE GOING TO SPLIT MY SKULL, GO AHEAD AND DO IT.
I HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY.

ERIN, YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME HELP YOU.
IT'S HEALTHY TO MOURN, BUT YOU'RE LETTING IT TURN INTO A SERIOUS DEPRESSION.

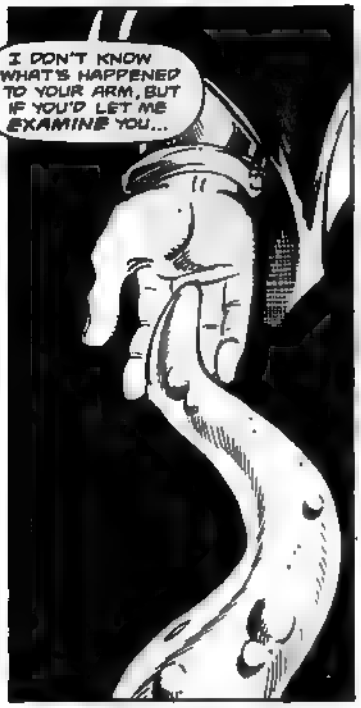
WE'VE BOTH LOST LOVED ONES, BUT WE OWE IT TO THE DEAD TO GO ON LIVING.
YOU CAN'T JUST GIVE UP

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HOW I FEEL?
I KNOW YOU DIDN'T REALIZE YOU CARED FOR WASTELAND UNTIL AFTER HE DIED.
AND THAT'S A GOOD THING.

WASTELAND WAS MY FRIEND IT TEARS ME UP THAT HE'S GONE, BUT IT'S JUST AS WELL YOU DIDN'T GET INVOLVED WITH HIM.
HE WAS A MAN, WHILE YOU'RE STILL A LITTLE GIRL. HE WOULD HAVE BROKEN YOUR HEART.

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW I FEEL.
I KNOW. I AMPUTATED DUFF'S LEG LAST NIGHT.
WHAT?!

HE'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT. HE'S LUCKY HE ONLY LOST A LEG.
ERIN, YOU'RE NOT ALONE.
THESE ARE HARD TIMES. PEOPLE GET HURT. PEOPLE DIE.


I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOUR ARM, BUT IF YOU'D LET ME EXAMINE YOU...

NO
THERE'S OBVIOUSLY SOME TABOO ASSOCIATED WITH WHAT'S HAPPENED...
.. BUT I KNOW YOUR DEFORMITY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH MENTAL DISCIPLINE. I AM A SORCERER, AND I CAN TEACH YOU MEDITATIONS THAT MIGHT HELP

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY ARM?
I'M NOT SURE I BELIEVE IT MYSELF LET'S JUST TAKE THIS ONE STEP AT A TIME, OKAY?
OKAY.

MEANWHILE...

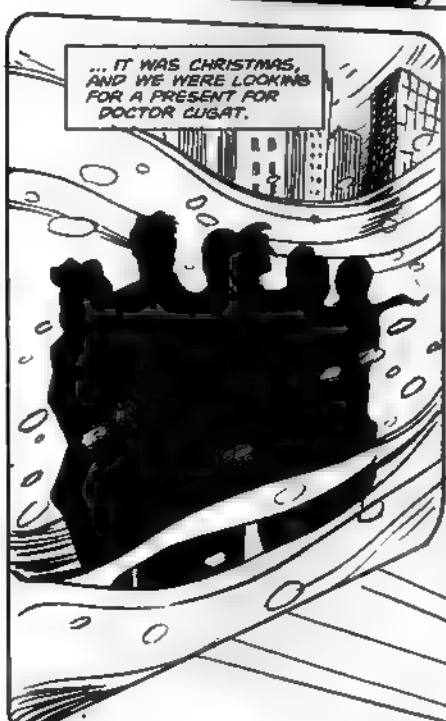
KRASH!

?

WHAT HAPPENED.. HOW DID I GET HERE?
I REMEMBER AN EXPLOSION...
...AN EXPLOSION INVOLVING MY FAMILY AND SOME OTHERS...
..I SAVED THEM, SOMEHOW...
AND THEN I FELL, ALL THE WAY BACK HERE...

WHEREVER "HERE" IS.

WAIT! NOW I REMEMBER...
...IT WAS YEARS AGO, JUST AFTER DOCTOR CUGAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER...


...IT WAS CHRISTMAS, AND WE WERE LOOKING FOR A PRESENT FOR DOCTOR CUGAT.

WE FOUND A SHOPPING MALL STRAIGHT OUT OF OUR DREAMS...

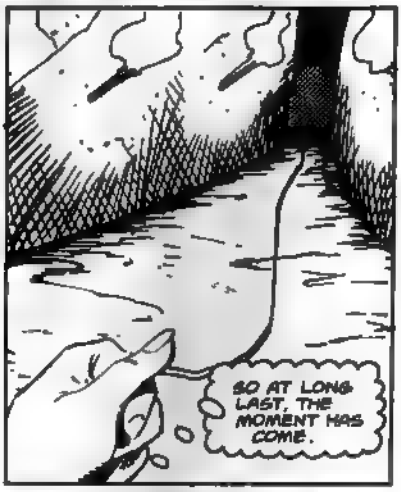
UNTIL THE BEAST APPEARED.

WE WERE LUCKY TO SURVIVE.

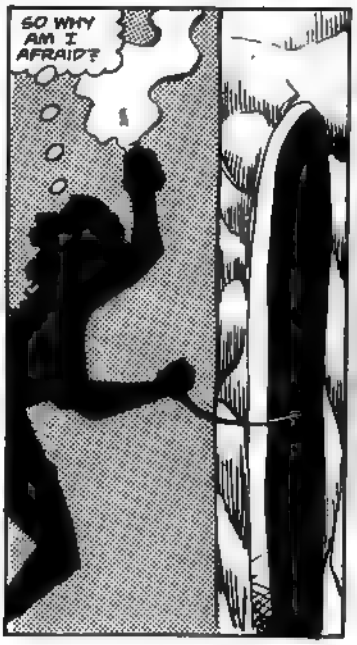
BAM!
AND WHEN I PURSUED THE MONSTER INTO HIS TUNNELS--

I SAW MYSELF HERE.

THAT MEANS THERE SHOULD BE A THREAD HERE SOMEPLACE.
...AH-HA.


SO AT LONG LAST, THE MOMENT HAS COME.

THIS FEELS LIKE A DREAM, AND DREAMS ARE EASY TO CONTROL.


SO WHY AM I AFRAID?

GASP!
WHAT DOES LORELEI SEE?
FIND OUT NEXT ISSUE, IN... SAMORAN SONG!

SPACE ACADEMY, IN THE WORLD BEYOND TOMORROW...

READY TO GO, CALVIN?

IN A MINUTE, COMMANDER ARKWRIGHT...

... I'M JUST GOING THROUGH THE FILES OF THE NEW TEAM POLARIS.

OH YES, THE NEW TRAINING SHIP ASSIGNMENTS CAME OUT TODAY.

WHAT DOES YOUR NEW CREW LOOK LIKE?

WELL... LET'S JUST SAY THEY'RE GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE. TAKE A LOOK.

THIS IS TOM CORBETT - AN INCREDIBLY GIFTED PILOT. COMES BY IT NATURALLY, IT SEEMS.

T.CORBETT

CODE 27

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REALLY? FROM WHOM?

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TOM CORBETT SPACE CADET

Tom Corbett: Space Cadet © 1989 Wade Williams Productions

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN THE CARL SAGAN VANISHED BACK IN '37?
OF COURSE. TERRIBLE BUSINESS.
THE SAGAN'S CAPTAIN WAS CORBETT'S FATHER
HE'S RYAN CORBETT'S BOY? THAT'S QUITE A REPUTATION TO LIVE UP TO.
AND THAT ISN'T ALL HE HAS TO DEAL WITH.
"CORBETT HAD A VERY ISOLATED CHILDHOOD. HIS MOTHER IS A ZOOLOGIST AND SHE RAISED HIM ON A STRING OF GAME PRESERVES."
HE MAY NOT HAVE THE INTER-PERSONAL SKILLS TO HANDLE A COMMAND PARTICULARLY WITH THIS CREW.
"ROGER MANNING IS THE POLARIS' NEW WEAPONS OFFICER. HE'S VERY TALENTED, BUT HE'S A DEFINITE DISCIPLINARY PROBLEM."
"IT SAYS HERE THAT MANNING USED TO RUN WITH A STRATO-SLED GANG, IN THE SOUTH-CAL METROPLEX."

AND HE'S BEEN IN ONE SCRAPE OR ANOTHER, EVER SINCE COMING TO THE ACADEMY.
JUST LIKE YOU, IF MEMORY SERVES.
OUCH. POINT TAKEN.

"THE ENGINEER IS A VENKUSIAN NAMED LINC DEEVER. BUT EVERYONE CALLS HIM ASTRO."
"ASTRO?"

"THAT'S HIS CHARACTER IN SPACE BARBARIANS, THAT HOLOGRAPHIC ROLE-PLAYING GAME. ASTRO'S A CAMPUS LEGEND, APPARENTLY..."

AND DEEVER'S A REAL COMPUTER WIZARD...
BREEP! BREEP!
CAPTAIN STRONG, THIS IS CALLAHAN AT PAD 17...

"WE JUST CAUGHT THREE CADETS TRYING TO SNEAK ONTO THE POLARIS. THEY CLAIM THEY'RE THE NEW TEAM POLARIS, BUT THEIR ACCESS CARDS WERE FORGED."
WOULD THEIR NAMES BE CORBETT, MANNING, AND DEEVER?
"YES, SIR. HOW DID YOU KNOW?"

JUST A LUCKY GUESS.

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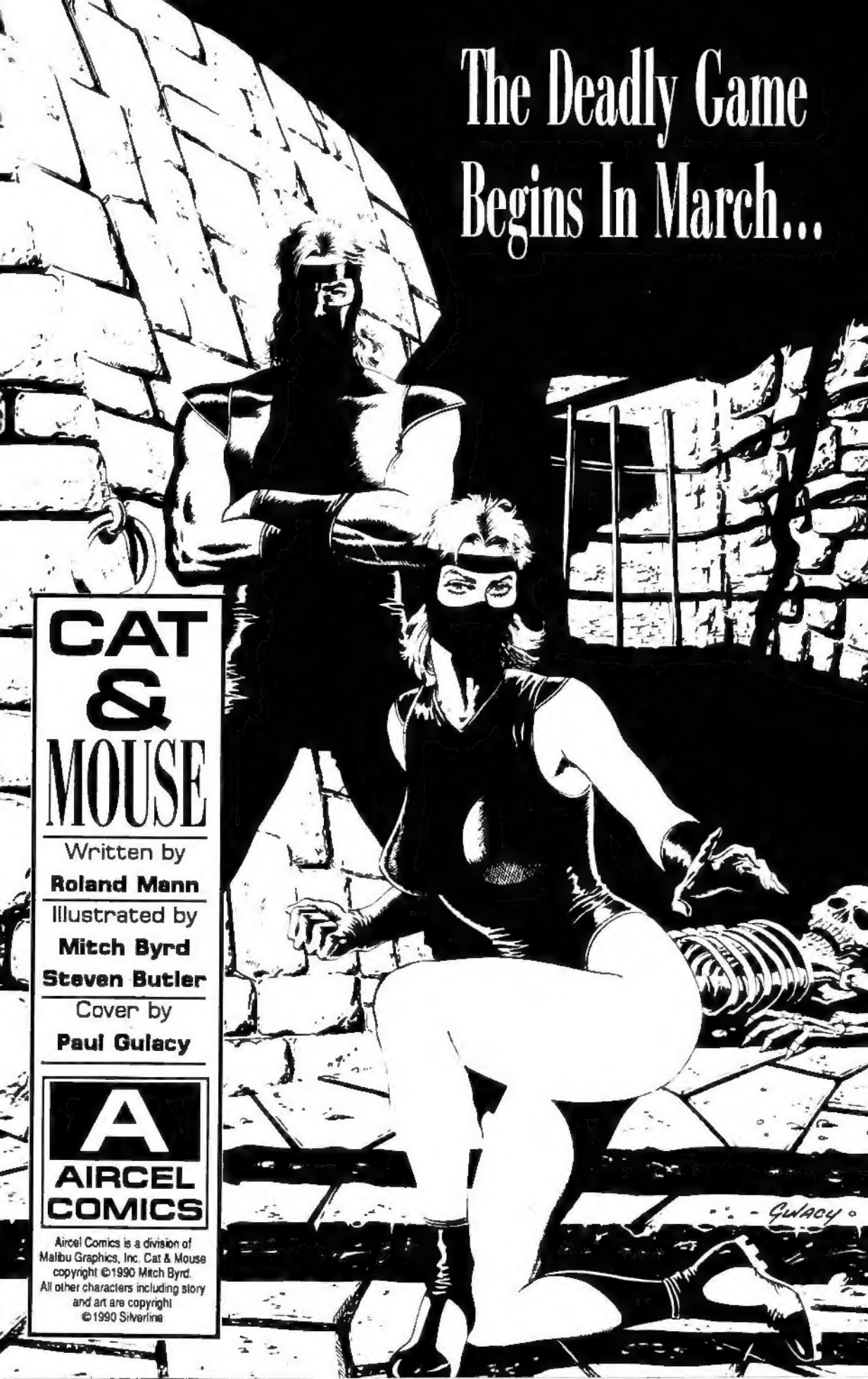
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